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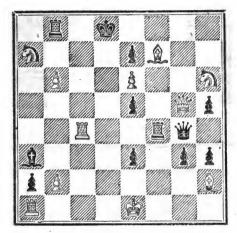
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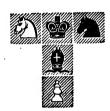
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He saw a chess board and men used for the first time in April 1872, when he witnessed a contest between Mr. S. of Ohio, and Mr. H of Frederick City; although he could not understand the game and dared not ask questions for fear of annoying the players, he watched every move with the closest attention. The partie finished he went home fully determined to learn the game.

Mr. H. having heard of this ardent desire loaned him a chess board and a set of chess men, gave him some instructions, and left him a few two-move problems to solve.

Thus thanks to the kind assistance of John K. Hanshew our hero became possessed of the OPEN SESAME to Caissa's gardens of ever increasing intellectual delights.

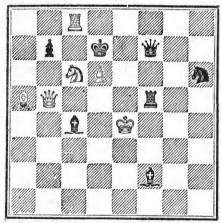
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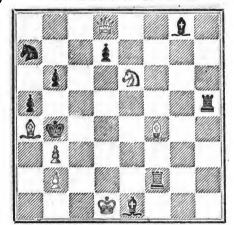
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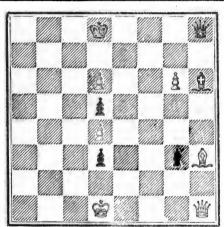


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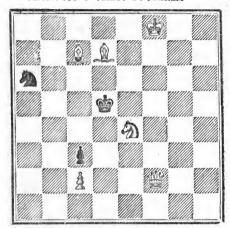
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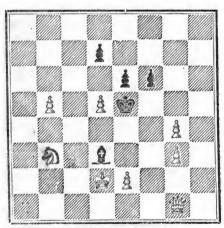
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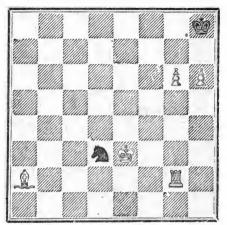
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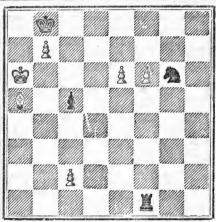
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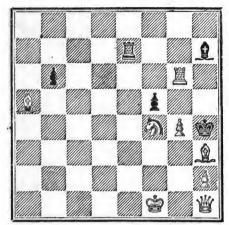
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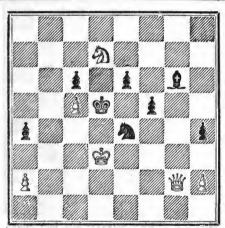
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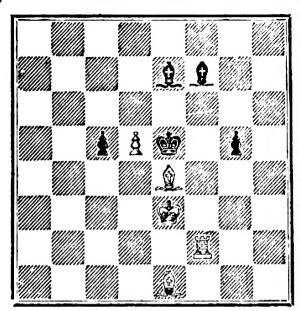
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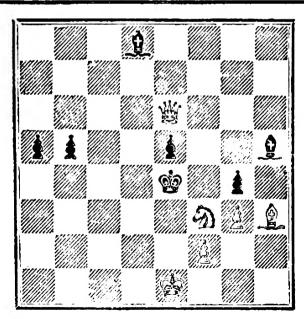
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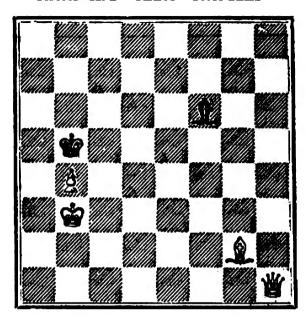


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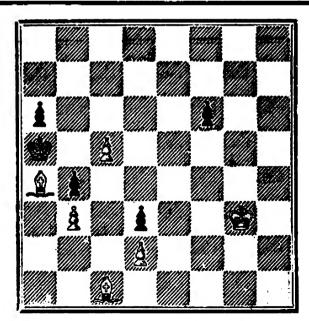


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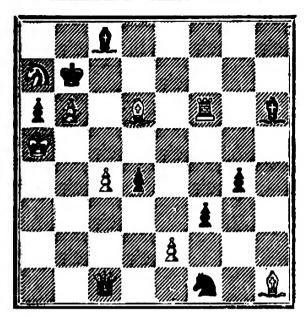


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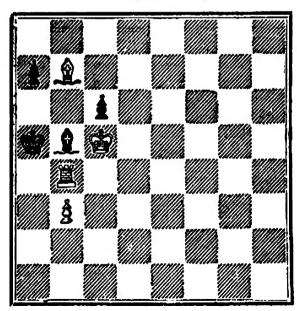


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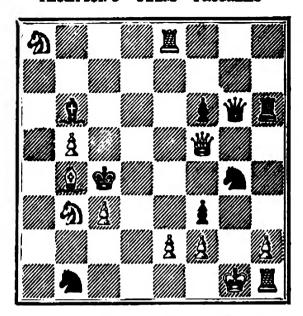


No. 14. White mates in two moves, or Black in three.

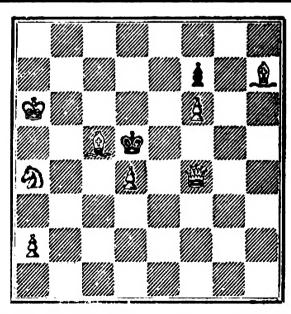


No. 15 White mates in two moves.

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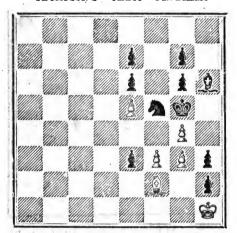


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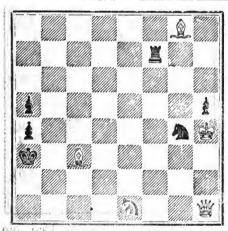


17. White mates in two moves in ten different ways.

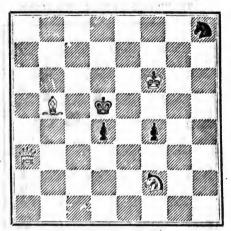
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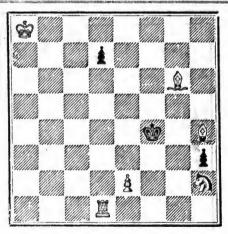
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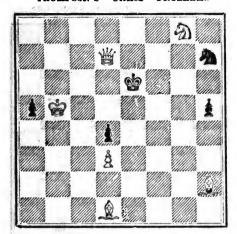
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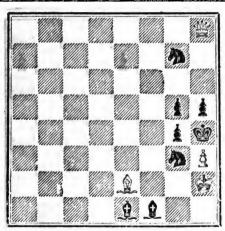
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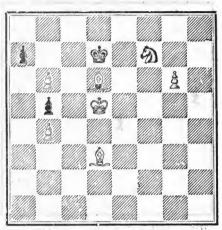
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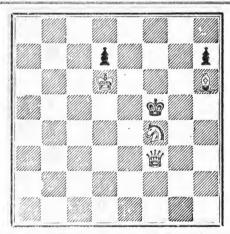
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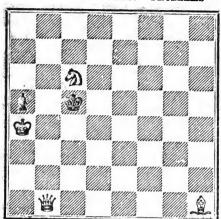
23. White retracts his last move a mates in two moves.



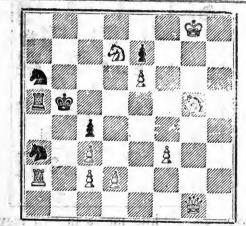
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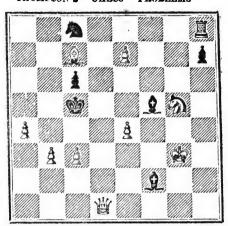
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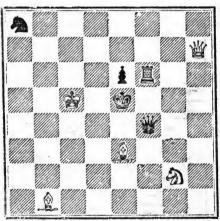
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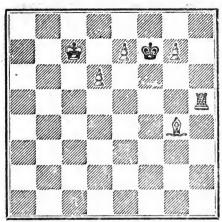
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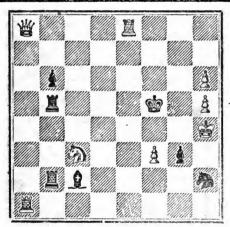
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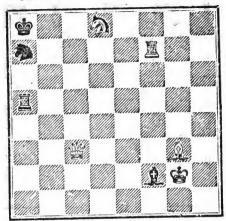
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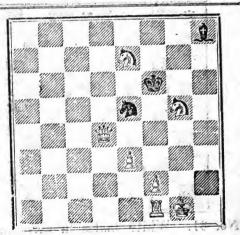
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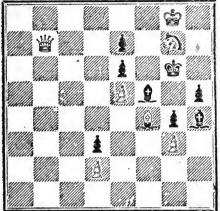
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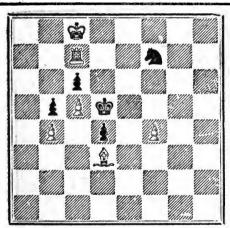
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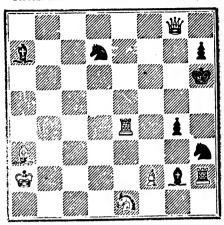
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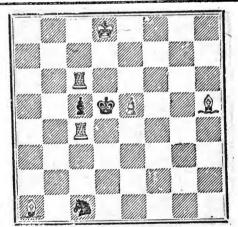
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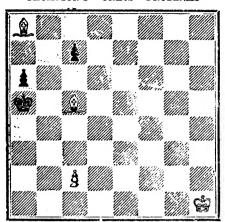
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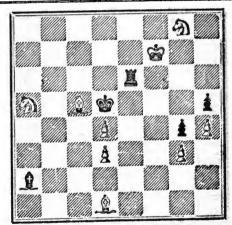
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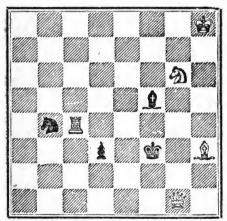
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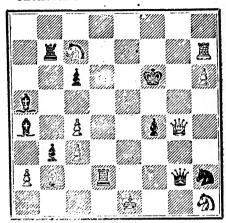
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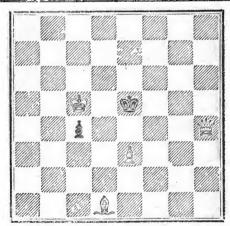
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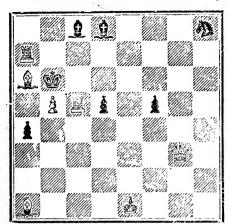
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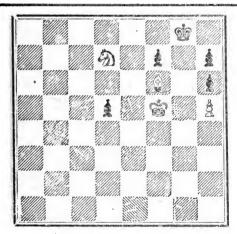
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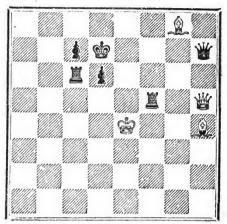
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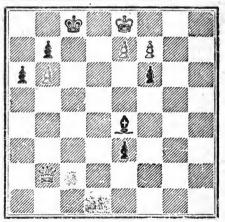
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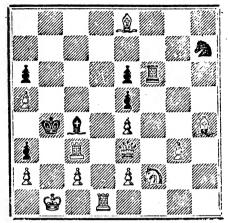
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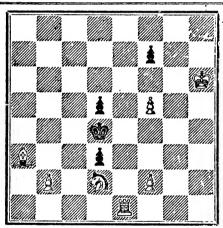
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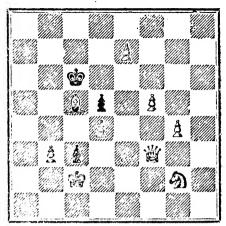
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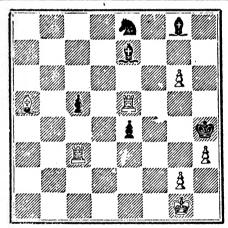
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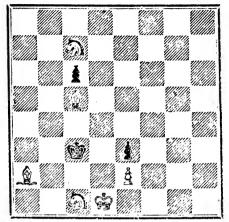
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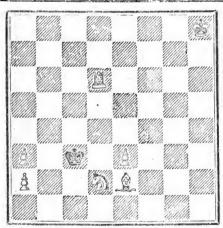
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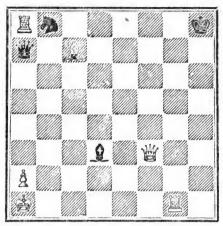
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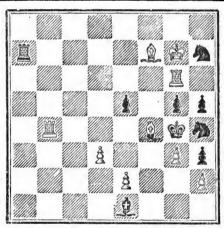
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No. 55. White mates in three moves.

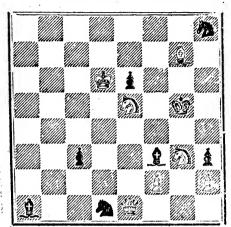


No. 56. White sui-mates in three moves.

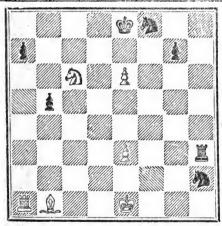


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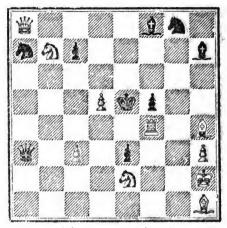
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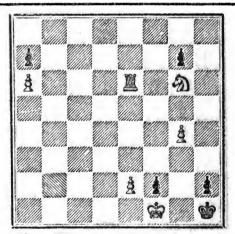
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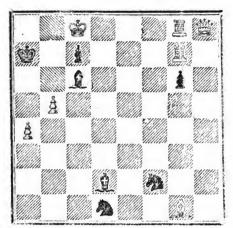
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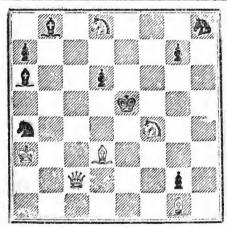
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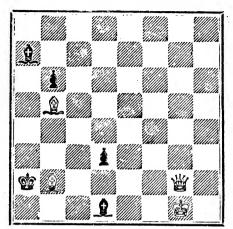
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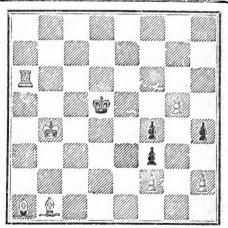
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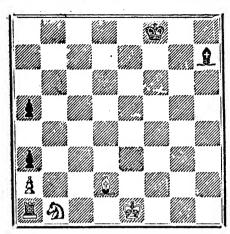
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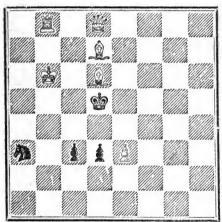
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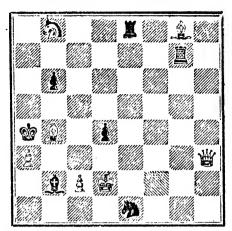
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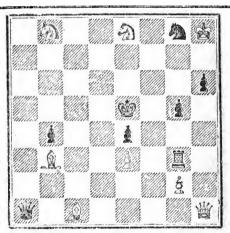
66. White to play so Black can mate in three moves.



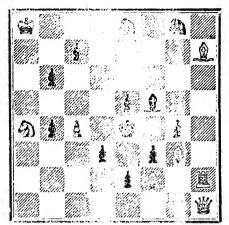
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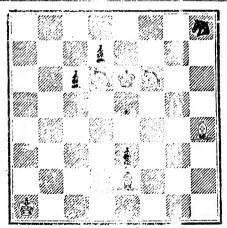
No. 68. White sui-mates in three moves.



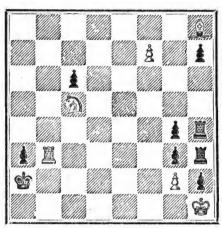
No. 69 White mates in three moves.



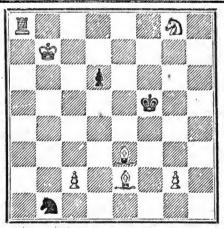
No. 70. White mates in two mover.



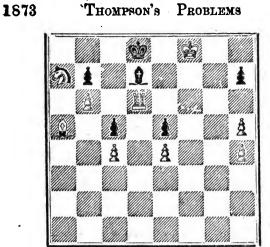
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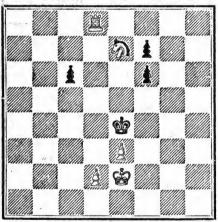
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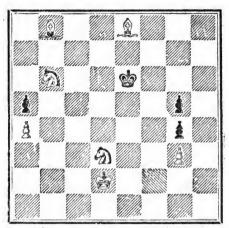
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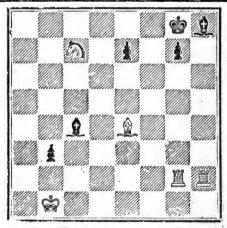
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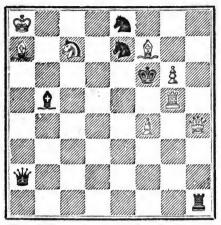
No. 75. White mates in four moves.



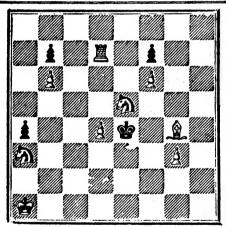
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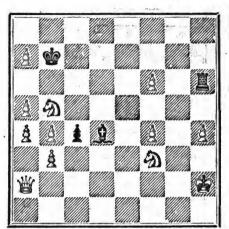
No. 77 White mates in four moves.



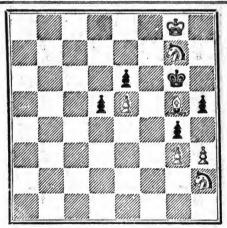
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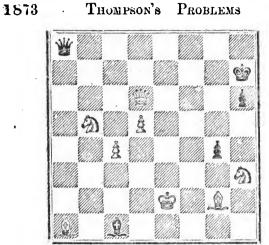
No. 79. White mates in four moves.



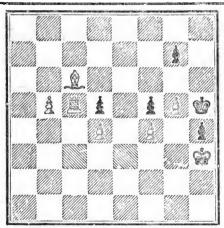
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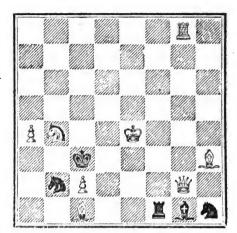
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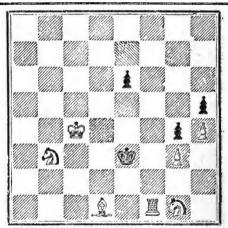
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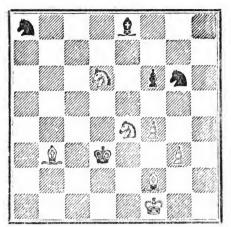
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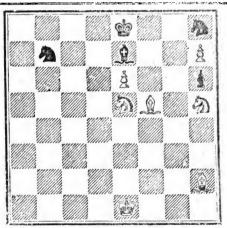
No. 84. White sui-mates in five moves.



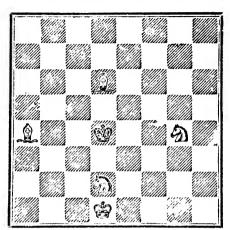
No. 85. White mates in five moves.



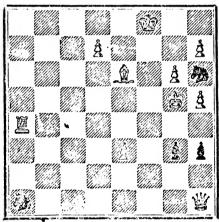
No. 86 White mates in three moves.



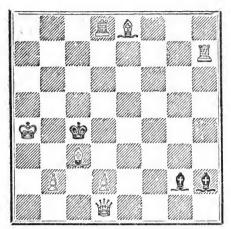
No. 87. White mates in five move



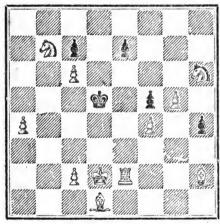
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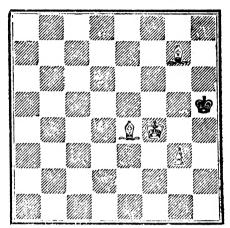
he retracts his last move & sui-± in six moves.



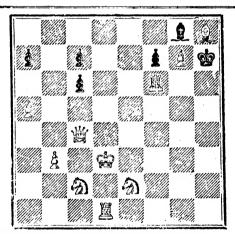
No. 90. White sui-mates in six moves.



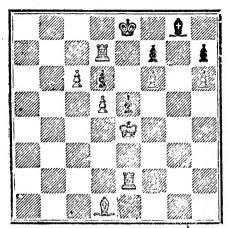
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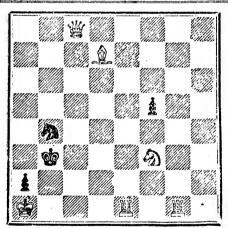
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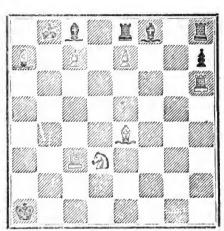
93. White sui-stalemetes in eleven moves.



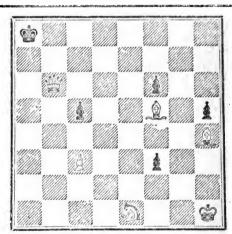
No. 94 White sui-mates in six moves.



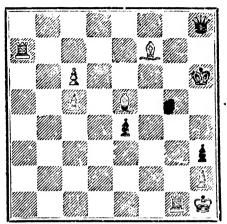
No. 95 White sui mates in seven moves.



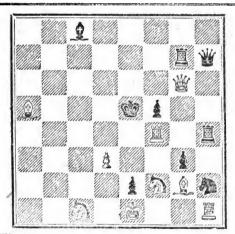
No. 96. White sui-mates in seven moves.



79 97 White sui-mates in seven moves.

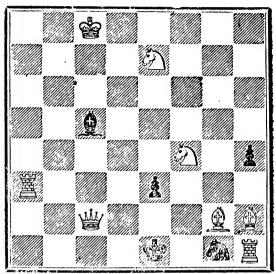


No. 98 White sui mates in nine moves.



99. White mates in six moves with a Rook.

## PROBLEM NO. 100.



White to play and capture the Black Bishop with the King: In how few moves can this be effected? and in what manner?

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WHITE TO MATE.

3 Q×P 5 PQ6 4 B K 6 6 R Q 2

7 The last move was P from Q  $5 \times P$  retract that and play  $P \times BP$   $\checkmark$ 

<sup>2</sup> Q KR 4, but if  $R \times QSP$ , there is no mate in two moves

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          Thomp: on's Problems
                                    PQR3
 8
    Q S 7
                                9
    RKB6
10
                               11
                                    Q Q 7
                     BQR8
                12
13 The last move was B from Q S 2×B retract
that and play B×BP
    First 1 R×KBP
                       any 2 \pm
                                   Second
       BQ7+
                      Q \times P +
                                      B B 8 m
                   2
    1
                                  3
        KR4
                       KR6
          RQR4
      15
           PROBLEM NO. 16.
                     K \times Q
1
   QQ5+
                                       2
                                          Sm
1
   S \times B +
               K \times S
                                      Q \times P m
                          2 \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{S} +
1
   S K 6+
                                         2 m
                             S K 3+
   B \times P +
                K--
                          2
                                       S \times S m
                     Q KB 3 +
    1
       Q KS3
                  2
                                  3 Q K 4 +
       QQB7
                     Q QS 8
    4
               . 5
                                     BK 4+
                                  6
7
   BQ3
           8
              SQS29SS6+
                                   10 KS5
    Retract K from S 2 \times R and play K \times RP
18
19
    Q QS 7
                  20 SK4
                                   21
                                       SKS4
    QQ 5+ The White Queen should be at QS 7
22
23
    Retract P (Q) and play P KR 8 (S)
    Retract P from QR 5×P and play P QR 6
24
25
    QQB3
                                 26 Q KR 7
27
    SKR3
                KQB3
                                  QQS6+
                K QR 5
                                    \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{S}
    Retract K from KS 2×P and play QRR 5
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SOLUTIONS THOMPSON'S PROBLEMS.
                                         57
    QKR2
29
                               PK8(S)
                           30
31
    1 R K B
                  RS5+
                                 2 Q K 4 +
                  S \times R
                                 QQB8 +
                  RQ4
                                   QR6
                  RK4
                                   QK4+
32 R \times S +
33
   Retract Castles and play R × B
34 QKR
                          35 R \times P
36
   PKB4
                           37 RQS4
38 Retract B from Q B 6 took S and play P
     Q B 3
   QK5+
                          40 BK3
39
   BQB2
41
                          42 Q Q R
43
   RK4
   1 R K B 7 +
                                 2 Q K 6 + 2 Q K 6 +
44
                   K \times R
    1 Q K 5 +
                   \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{R}
            White to sui-mate.
     1 S K 8 +
                     KK4
                    \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}
     2 R K 7 +
     3 Q B 5 +
                     K \times Q dis. mate.
             Black to sui-mate.
                     K \times R
     1 Q B 8 +
     2 \times B \times P + K \times B \text{ (best)}
                  K \times Q dis. mate.
     3QQ6+
    1 B K S 4
                   K K 5
                                2QQ8
45
                  K + R
    1 B Q 4
                                2 Q Q S 8 +
46
                                RQB6+
                   BKR5
                 P---
                                2 K \times P
47
   1 B Q 4
                                2 Q K 8 +
   1 B K 6 +
                 K \times B
48
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BB3+

1 Q K R 2

49

2 K B 8

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SOLUTIONS THOMPSON'S PROBLEMS.
58
50
    1 R Q 8
                        S-
                                       2QQB5+
ALSO: 1 R × R P
                       B +
                                        2 \text{ K} \times \text{B}
    1 B Q 6
                       P---
                                         2 R K 6
51
                       4 K B 4
                                        5P \times P \pm
    3 K S 5
52
    1 Q \times Q P +
                       K \times Q
                                          2 P(B)
                       KQS4
                                            P(Q)
                       KQB2
                                         BQR7
    1 R K S 3
                                       2 R K S 4 +
53
                      B K 3
ALSO: 1 R Q B 4
                      KKS6
                                           2 B K +
                      K--
                                           2 S S 6
54
    1 S R 8
                      K---
    1 S Q B 4
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                                           2 R Q
                   1 Q K R +
         No. 56
                                     B int.
                   2 R \times S +
                                     \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}
                   3 B K 5 +
                                     Q \times B mates
    1 B \times K S P dis + B \times R
57
                                     2 B K 7 dis+
    1 Q K 4
                        \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{Q}
                                          2 P B 4 +
58
                        P B 7
                                           QB4+
                        \mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{B}
59
    1BS6+
                                           2 castles
    1Q \times B
                        Q \times Q
60
                                         2SQB
                        QQ3
                                          \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P} +
    1 R Q S 6
                                       2 P Q R 7
61
                        P \times R
62
    1 R \times Q B P +
                       KR
                                          QKR
                        KQS3
                                           QQ4
                        K \times S
                                        2 Q \times P +
63
     1 S Q 5
                       \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B}
                                          Q \times B
                       SQB6
                                           Q \times S +
                                          2 Q K S 7
     1 B R 8 dis +
                         any
64
     1 B K R 7
65
                         any
                                       2 R K S 6
                                   P \times B
        No. 66.
                 1BS4+
                  2 S Q 2
                                   P S 6
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3 castles
                                 P mates.
67 1QKR4
                      SB5+
                                     2Q \times S +
ALSO: \tilde{1} Q S \tilde{5} + K \times B
                                     2QB6+
       No. 68. 1 B Q S 3 +
                                    K—
                2QQ7 +
                                  \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Q}
                3PQB4+
                                  P \times P mates.
                                       2 P S 4
                    \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Q}
69. 1 Q K R 3
                    R \times KP
                                        B \times R
           Problem No. 70. RKS2
   KSK4
                    K---
                                            2B +
                                         BB4+
                     s-
                                    2 R K B 6
    1 P(R)
                    PKR4
72
73
    1 B K R 5
                    K---
                                       2 R K 8 +
                    P R 3
74
    1 R Q
                                       2 B Q 2
                  1 R Q 5
                                    P \times R
        No. 75.
                  2 P Q 4
                                      any
                  3 S Q B 8
                                   - mates.
    1 SQ5
                                 KK5
76
              K \times S = 2 BQ7
                                         3 BK6
                                 K--
              KB4
                      BB7
                                            SK7
                     2 RB2
                                 В—
77
    1 BR7 + KB
                                        3 R \times B +
78
    1 S \times S + B \times S
                      2 RQR5 K—
                                         3 QB6+
                                 P—
    1 SB2 P— 2 RQ8
79
                                         3 BQ7
    1 \text{ QKS2 } \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P} + 2 \text{ S} \times \mathbf{R} + \text{ KB8}
80
                                        3 \text{ QB6} +
              B \times RP = 2QS7 + KB6
                                        3QB7+
                                P---
    1 PR4
             PK5
                       2 BQ2
                                         3 S \times P
81
    1 QQ4+ KS3
                      2 \text{ QB5} + \text{ K} \times \text{Q}
                                        3 BK4 +
82
                   \mathbf{.} 2 RQB4 \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{R}
                                          3 BQB6
83
    1 BK8+
84
    SR2
              RKB8+ QS8+ BB+
                                            BKS5
         No. 85. 1 B R 2
                               P K 4
                   2 B K 4
                                K \times B
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60 Solutions Thompson's Problems.

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3 S Q 2+ ---
                                4 K B 3
              \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{S}
86
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                              2 S B 5 +
87 \ 1887 + KQ \ 28B6 + KB \ 38 \times B + K - 48B6 + 5 mates
88 1 B Q S 3 K B 6 2 S K 3 K Q 6 3 S B 2 K— 4 B K 5 5 mates
   Retract Q from Q B \times Q and play:
89
   1QR3 + KS2 4RR8 + Q \times R
   2 P R 8(Q) K \times Q 5 Q B 8 + Q \times Q +
   3 \text{ K} \times \text{S} S- 6 \text{ P} \text{ S} 7 + \text{ Q} \times \text{ P} \text{ mates}
   if 3—Q Q 8 4 P (Q)+ Q \times Q
   5 Q B 8+ Q \times Q+ 6 P+ Q \times P  mates
   1 P Q S 3 + 2 P Q 4 3 B R 5 +
90
   4QKB+ 5RQ6+ 6BS5+ B±
92 PS4 BQ4+ BS BQ3 BB+
93 1 K B 3 2 K S 2 3 K R 3
4 S S 4 5 K R 4 6 R Q 4
   7 Q B 2 + 8 Q Q 2 9 Q Q 5
   if P(Q \text{ or } B) 10 R K 6+ K×R 11 Q R 5
  94
95
   4RS8 5RQS8 6QR7+ 7SB2+
  1 R B 2 B Q 5 3 R B 3 4 B B 6
96
   5 R B 5 6 B Q 7 7 B × B R × B +
97 18 × P 2 B R 3 3 B B 4 B B 2
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Solutions Thompson's Problems
                                             61
    5 B S
              6 S R 2
                         7 B S 2
                                     P \times B \pm
    1 B K B 4 +
98
                  2 B K S 6 ++
                                    3 BKR 7+
    4 B Q 6 +
                     5 B S 6 +
                                    6 B K 7 +
    7 B B 5 --
                                      9 R R ~
                     8BQ6 +
    1 B B 7 +
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    4S \times P +
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    1 B K S 3+
    2R \times P +
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    3R \times S +
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                                     K B 2
    5 K Q 7
                                     BR7
    6 K K 6
                                     BS8
    7 K B 5
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    8 K S 4
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